

REMARKS

An Office Action mailed May 7, 2004 rejected Claims 1, 2, 6-10 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 and Claims 1-14 under 35 U.S.C. § 103. Applicants initially responded to this Office Action on June 28, 2004. Applicants received an office communication, mailed September 14, 2004, that indicated that the Response to Office Action was non-responsive. Applicants hereby resinds that Response to Office Action and submits the following Response to Office Action. By way of this Amendment, Applicants hereby cancels Claims 6 and amends Claim 1. Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.111, Applicants hereby respectfully requests reconsideration of the application.

REJECTION OF CLAIMS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Office Action rejected Claims 1, 2, and 6-10 as being anticipated by Nishida. With regard to Claims 6, the Office Action states that Nishida discloses a plurality of processors 60/70 and each of the processors being coupled to one or more units to control the data displayed on the unit. With regard to cancelled Claims 6 and amended independent Claim 1, Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Applicants submit that Nishida discloses an electric power source 60 and a controlled device 70. Thus, Applicants submit that Nishida fails to teach or suggest a plurality of processors being coupled to one or more units to control dated display of the units. The electric power source 60 is not a processor. Therefore, Applicants submit that newly amended independent Claim 1 is now allowable over the cited reference.

Because Claims 2 and 7-10 depend from allowable independent Claim 1, they are allowable for the same reason that make their corresponding independent claim allowable.

REJECTION OF CLAIMS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Office Action rejected Claims 1-5, 9, and 10 as being unpatentable over Brinkman et al. (Brinkman) in view of Seraphim et al. (Seraphim). With regard to amended Claim 1, Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Applicants have amended Claim 1 to include the subject matter of Claim 6, therefore, newly amended independent Claim 1 is allowable over Brinkman in view of Seraphim. Because Claims 2-5, 9 and 10 depend from allowable independent Claim 1, they are allowable for the same reasons that make their corresponding independent claim allowable.

The Office Action rejected Claims 1-7, 9, and 10 as being unpatentable over Orava et al. (Orava) in view of Seraphim. With regard to Claims 6, the Office Action states that Orava discloses a plurality of processors 24 and each of the processors being coupled to one or more units to control the dated display of the unit. With regard to amended independent Claim 1, Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Applicants submit that Orava discloses control electronics 24 that does not control data displayed on a unit, but reads out information from the pixel cells 18 of the semi-conductor substrate 16 (FIGURE 1; col. 12, lines 1-26). Therefore, Applicants submit that neither Orava or Seraphim teach or suggest a plurality of processors being coupled to one or more units to control data displayed on the unit. Because Claims 2-5, 7, 9, and 10 depend from allowable independent claim 1, they are allowable for the same reasons for that make their corresponding independent claim allowable.

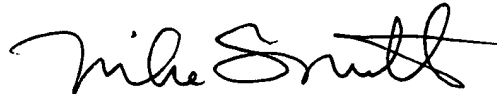
The Office Action rejected Claims 8-14 as being unpatentable over Brinkman in view of Seraphim and further in view of Motoshima et al. Applicants submit that Motoshima fails to teach or suggest alone or in combination the subject matter of Claim 6 that has been included into newly amended independent Claim 1. Therefore, Applicants submit that because Claims 8-14 depend from allowable independent Claim 1, they are allowable for the same reasons that make their corresponding independent claim allowable.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that all of the claims of the pending application are now in condition for allowance over the cited references. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections, allowance, and early passage through issuance. If the Examiner has any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' agent listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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